Marketing of electronic Mosquito repellents

2160. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that electronic Mosquito repellent mats are being widely marketed in the country; and

(b) if so, whether these have been tested by Government to avoid health hazard to the public who use the same every night?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes. Various Mosquito repellent devices including electronic mosquito repellent mats are being marketed in the country. Malaria Research Centre of Indian Council of Medical Research has carried out evaluation of some of the Mosquito repellents available in the market. Results revealed that protection against mosquito bites by the use of electronic mosquito repellents ranges between 60 to 76 9 per cent with culex and Anepheles species. The dagree of protection varied from device to device and species to species.

All the Insecticides which are to be imported, manufactured and used in the country are to be compulsorily registered under the Insecticides Act, 1968 by a Committee known as Registration Committee, constituted under Section 5 of the said Act.

The Mosquito Repellent Mats which are found to be safe to human beings are allowed to be registered by this Committee.

Recognition of Medical colleges/ Institutes

2161. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Medical-Colleges and other institutes which are yet to be recognised by the Indian Medical Council; and

(b) what is the actual position to recognise them as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A statement is attached at Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 122].

Discrimination in grant of pensionary/retiral benefits to N.C. (E) in the corps of EME

2162. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some representations have been received by the E.M.E. Directorate (H.Q.) in 1987 and June, 1988, regarding discrimination in grant of pensionary/ retiral benefits to N. C. (E) employed in lieu of combatants, who later on were appointed as supervisor technical;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor and whether their cases have been decided/settled by now; and

(c) if not what are the reasons therefore and by when their cases are likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.